

USH'S FAILURE

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Yankee Pitcher Fails to Make Counter Shift in Tact and Is Knocked Out—Young's Great Catch to Stengel Double Play in Fifth Stands Out Brilliantly.

By DANIEL.

With one out in the eighth inning at the Polo Grounds yesterday noon came a master move by John McGraw which turned the tide in the Giants' favor. It was the salient strategic maneuver of the battle, and Joe Bush's failure to meet the situation squarely with a counter move brought the rally of the world champions to the winning point. Bush was tiring, nervous and much harassed, allowed himself to be outguessed when he should have kept his wits about him, and with that lapse he ball game.

McGraw's winning change in generalship took the form of hitting the first pitch. All through the game the Giants had been content to let most of the first balls go by. To open the victors' half of the eighth Davy Bancroft permitted Bush to whizz one right by him, and Bill Klem very properly called it a strike. With the count two and two Bancroft lit on a fast ball and sent it over Aaron Ward's head for a single.

Then came the sudden strategic move. A hit and run was ordered and the astonishing Heinie Groh, who had got a single, a triple and a pass, smashed the first pitch into right field for another hit. Frankie Frisch could not get to the first ball because it was so wide, but the next one was grooved—another fast ball—which Frisch drove into left for a base, to fill the bases with Giants and leave the thousands of onlookers into pandemonium.

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New Financial Mark Set at Yesterday's

THE 35,514 persons who witnessed the first game of the world series at the Polo Grounds yesterday paid \$115 their pleasure, the largest ever taken for a single series game. The previous financial mark for a single series game was taken in at the Polo Grounds in 1911, when the Yankees and the Giants, 35,509 persons paid \$119.007.

Third game; the White Sox triumphed 2 to 1 in 1917, and the Yankees 3 to 0 in 1918. The first game of the series was played at St. Louis. Taking the first one was wilder to McGraw than at game, in the club house, he was less. He looked as if he had passed all afternoon and game.

Nehf pitched remarkably again he was the lone help. Kalamity Ames, for whom the simply would not make runs, a world of stuff. His hooking in great shape. His creaking well and his fast of enough to get by with. His pace got him into trouble. change of pace which White for a triple. It was a change which Bob Meusel slammed for to start the Yankees toward run in the seventh inning.

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Groh the Hitting H. Heinie Groh, who had been very poorly, was the hero. He made more hits yesterday than he had in the previous three games. He hit safely three times, took a pass in his other trip to the plate. Frisch got two nice hits. Long George Kelly who took a while to hit safely against the Yankees last year, got himself two blows.

Irish Meusel, batting hero of the 19, series, could do no better than one hit, but that one was enough. Bancroft who went days and days without safety last October, got his hit in the eighth. Snyder and Stengel got theirs in the seventh—eleven hits in against seven for the Yankees.

Babe Ruth drove in a run in sixth, but he had a lot of trouble. He curvy which Nehf and Ryan hit. He fanned in the first. Dugan and was out stealing in the fourth, singled in the sixth and was called out on strikes in the seventh. That hit of his was made off a bad ball—a high one far on the outside, which he caught with the tip of his bat. The second strike was a ball in hand—and he had only one chance in the field, retiring Young on an easy fly in the seventh.

One of the most pleasing developments was the splendid fielding of Davy Bancroft. Bannie catches seen in a warm-up game and robbed Joe Bush of a double. He robbed Bush again in the sixth by taking his terrific bouncer and throwing him out. Deacon Scott, who has made only two errors in all his long world series experience, also put up a fine game at short stop. It looks as if the Giants will see the greatest fielding at that position yet witnessed in a classic.

A Rocket to Ryan. The fifth inning saw trouble traveling toward Nehf on horseback—but he was saved. With 1 and 1, Nehf grooved one—a slow curve—for Meusel and Robert singled through Bancroft. Schang singled through Bancroft. Meusel walked, and Dugan sent it promptly to Bill Ryan in the bull pen to get busy and make himself warm.

Nehf was dilatory as Scott haunted the plate. The Deacon made a grimace and complained to Klem that he did not have all day. Scott ultimately lined to Young for that startling shoestring catch and Young, from a kneeling position, started to Frisch to double Meusel off second and rip the well known lid off the stadium.

The Giants were easy ones in their section of the fifth. Snyder grounded to the Deacon, Nehf popped to Ward and Dugan and Dugan sent it promptly to Bill Ryan in the bull pen to get busy and make himself warm.

Three Out, All Out. In their half the Giants were easy. In apple pie order, Bush throwing only eight balls. Kelly was ridiculously easy of the pitcher's bullet. The ball was called while George called Klem names. Stengel sent the third pitch to Ward and was thrown out, and Snyder lit on a hot one. He sent a hot one at Dugan and Dugan sent it promptly to Bill Ryan in the bull pen to get busy and make himself warm.

These visions were somewhat disappointed in the sixth, which roused the crowd out of what looked dangerously like lethargy. Pitchers' battles are all well and good and the attainment of the absolute in baseball is all very fine, but the crowd wanted some Herkeser action. Bush started the sixth with a hot grounder to Bannie and was thrown out.

Witt Calls the Tarn. With ten sent a strike pass by with-out as much as saying "Howdy" and then called the turn on Nehf. The southpaw changed his pace and Witt changed the complexion of the game with a triple which hugged the left field foul line and scooted out into foul territory away from a mad Mullah named Meusel.

This was the signal for general sky rocketing by the American Leaguers in division of the house. The Giants had a sneaking idea that Dugan would hunt and steal, but the Yankees were not playing the bunting game. Huggins did not arise in a bunting frame of mind. Dugan tried to connect, but there was a lot of working on him. The count was two and two when Joe brought his family to its collective feet with a smut to short.

With the smash Witt streaked toward the plate. Bancroft threw to Snyder and then came a long process of running down the runner. This was accomplished while Dugan reached second. Now it was distinctly up to the Babe. Strike one was called and strike two was a curve missed by feet. Ball one was followed by a strike, and then Art sent Pipp a nice curve on which he fanned as Ruth went down. The Babe was out.

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Hoyt fanned Kelly and then again over enough strikes to lose Casey Stengel called for the rally was over, but the game was in. Hoyt and his curve ball had prevailed where Bush and his fast one had drooped in the big pinch.

What looked like the break of the game in favor of the Yankees came in the seventh after three hits in a row had been made. Then came a Texas slaut which should have warned Huggins after three more hits had been collected in the next frame. After strikes by Kelly, Stengel and Snyder, who filled the bases with only one out in the seventh, Earl Smith was called in as a pinch hitter, vice Arthur Nehf. With the count three and one, Smith hit the ball, and after a fast ball to Deacon Scott—and the double play which ensued drove the Yankee fans into ecstasy and apparently put the Giants down to stay down.

Young's Startling Catch. The big break against the Yankees in the field came through the brilliant effort of Young in the eighth. With the Yankees on first and second and only one out—Bob Meusel having singled and gone to second on a sacrifice bunt by Willie Schang—Young, who had been ready to go, drove a liner into short right. Young reared like mad, made a remarkable catch at his shoelaces, fell over, but clutched the ball and then threw through the fence to Frisch to double Bob Meusel off second.

That defensive feat by Young killed off a two bagger, killed off one run and perhaps more than that, it showed the Yankees short just when it looked as if they had solved Nehf and were on their way. It was a play which had a tremendous psychological effect on the Giants. They bristled with fight, but the Yankees kept after them.

Another defensive gem which stood out in the throbbing battle went to the credit of Frisch. It was a feat mechanically and it was a feat mentally, for Frisch did some tall thinking in a pinch—and some tall hustling, too. Frisch's play broke the back of the Yankee attack and lifted Bill Ryan out of a troublesome situation.

To open the ninth Willie Pipp singled to center. Meusel—the Bob half of the Yankees—then came in with a swinging line toward right. Frisch began to move with the crack of the bat, came up in the nick of time to make a sensational catch and then threw to Kelly to double Pipp. Schang then grounded to Frisch and the first game of the nineteenth world series was over.

Unusual Event for McGraw. That triumph for the McGraw forces was the first victory scored by the Giants in the opening game of a world series since 1911. In four previous baseball classics they had dropped the opening battle. In 19